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In re the application of:

Carlo Rubbia

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Examiner: Ricardo J. Palabrica

Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR HEATING  
GAS FROM A THIN LAYER OF NUCLEAR FUEL,  
AND SPACE ENGINE USING SUCH METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**AMENDMENT B**  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed October 16, 2002.

Please amend the application identified above and as shown on the following sheets.

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